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1. There is little talk in Trieste about Dr. Ivan Maria Cok's Democratic Party which he allegedly intended to build up in order to fight Tito's claims in the Venezia Giulia and Trieste area. More attention is directed toward the newly established Slovenian democratic coalition known locally as "Slovenska Demokratska Zveza" (SDZ), which comprises most of the anti-Tito Slovenian residents of the Trieste and Gorica area. SDZ is supposed to become the leading Party of the Slovenian population in future Italian and Trieste territory. The first public manifest of this Party was the publication of the Party newspaper, Demokracija on 25 April in Gorica with 7,000 copies, and 8,000 copies of the second issue. SDZ's aim is to unite liberal and clerical Slovenians in this area. On 17 May the pro-Tito press in Trieste began to attack Dr. Cok, accusing him of being connected with the publication of the Demokracija.

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Comment: It is believed that Cok has no connection with this newspaper or its publishers.)

2. The leaders of the Democratic Coalition Party are Dr. Sfiligoj, who formerly belonged to the OF (Liberation Front), but later resigned, and Andrej Uraic, a former leader of the JNS (Yugoslav National Party) Youth Organisation in Ljubljana. The clerical faction of the Coalition Party is represented by Leopold Kemperle and Dr. Anton Kacin, currently a school inspector in Gorica. Dr. Kacin belonged to the Mihailovic staff during the war, operating in the Slovenian coastal area.

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